



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Friday, March 28, 2014

9:00 AM

AUDIO AND VIDEO LINKS FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-1561)

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Present: Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.), Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.), Commissioner Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn L. Flynn, Commissioner Richard Martinez, Commissioner Andrea L. Rich, Commissioner Dan Scott and Commissioner Janet Teague

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (14-1451)

Chair Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

2. Approval of the March 10, 2014 regular meeting minutes. (14-1453)

On motion of Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Ayes: 7 - Chair David Sanders, Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.), Commissioner Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn L. Flynn, Commissioner Andrea L. Rich, Commissioner Dan Scott and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.) and Commissioner Richard Martinez

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. DISCUSSION

3. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding April 2014 Final Report. (14-1452)

Chair Sanders provided an overview of the testimony presented before the Commission and reported that the Commission's primary finding is that there is a crisis. Chair Sanders presented recommendations that only the Board of Supervisors and their governing body can implement, principles of success that have been demonstrated as improving safety in child welfare agencies in other jurisdictions; and considerations that will aid in execution by those responsible for children's safety and resolution of this crisis.

Commissioner Rich reported on recommendations made by the Subcommittee on Measurement and Process Analysis which identified legal constraints and highlighted the adoption of a core philosophy with a system that is totally child centered and places the welfare of the child first in all circumstances.

Commissioner Scott reported on his findings and recommendations relating to first responders, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), law enforcement and the District Attorney and identified cross reporting as an integral component to a child's welfare and safety.

Commissioner Teague reported on findings resulting from youth interviews and provided recommendations relating to recruitment/screening of staff, access to services, and treatment for birth parents.

Commissioner Holt reported on the review of over 800 recommendations that were made to the Board of Supervisors over the past eight years that identified two areas of concern and recommendations related to Accountability and Health Services.

Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie identified kinship and relative care as a topic to be addressed in the report urging DCFS to waive federal eligibility rules and provide access to services and resources.

Members of the public, Eric Preven, Susan Flaming, Arnold Sachs, Helen Lynn, Melinda Waite and Patrick O'Rourke addressed the Commission.

On motion of Vice Chair Tevrizian, seconded by Commissioner Rich, and unanimously carried, the Executive Team was instructed to draft written recommendations by April 8, 2014 to be presented for a vote by the Commissioners on April 10, 2014. The final report is due to the Board of Supervisors on April 18, 2014.

Ayes: 8 - Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.), Commissioner Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Richard Martinez, Commissioner Andrea L. Rich, Commissioner Dan Scott and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.) and Commissioner Marilyn L. Flynn

III. MISCELLANEOUS

4. Items not posted to the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-1454)

There were no items presented.

5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-1455)

Members of the public, Tom Carter, Helen Lynn, Melinda Waite, Patrick O'Rourke, Denise Paz, and Susan Flaming addressed the Commission.

6. Adjournment. (14-1456)

On motion of Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie, seconded by Vice Chair Tevrizian, there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.